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**Probable Unconventional Combat Unit, Tirane Army
Barracks A, Albania (S)**

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PROBABLE UNCONVENTIONAL COMBAT UNIT, TIRANE ARMY BARRACKS A, ALBANIA (S)

1. (S/D) A probable unconventional combat unit was newly identified at Tirane Army Barracks A [REDACTED], Albania, on imagery of [REDACTED] (Figure 1). This is the first unconventional combat unit to be identified in Albania and the first capable of airborne operations. This unit probably provides training in unconventional warfare and may be deployed to initiate special or guerrilla operations.

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2. (S/D) Training facilities include a probable [REDACTED] parachute jump tower, harness stocks, a troop training area, a three-lane coastal defense-associated obstacle course, and a seven-lane infantry-associated obstacle course. The probable jump tower has been observed since at least [REDACTED]. Support facilities, which include two multistory barracks and one multistory administration building, suggest that this unit is probably battalion sized. Additional recreational and physical training areas appear to be shared with a collocated facility which houses at least one multiple-rocket launcher battery. Revetted storage bunkers for possible artillery storage were observed along the southeast edge of the installation. The bunkers suggest the presence of an artillery unit.

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3. (S/D) Facilities in the vicinity of Tirane Army Barracks A which could support airborne deployments are at Tirane Airfield [REDACTED], Tirane/Rinas Airfield [REDACTED], and Tirane Heliport ([REDACTED]). CRATE aircraft have been seen at both airfields. HOUND helicopters are usually seen at the heliport.

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